

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OFFICES COMMUNITY ROOM
25 BRYANTS LANE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2005
6:00 P.M.

Member present: Selectman Jason Booth, Selectman Rich Lemoine, was 20 minutes late, Selectman Kevin O'Connor, Selectwoman Karyn Puleo and Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz.

The meeting was called to order. The Board and staff were introduced.

I. CITIZENS' TIME

The Chair asked if there were any residents not on the agenda who wished to speak this evening. No one came forward.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

Selectman O'Connor read the agenda as posted and the correspondence as submitted.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to accept the correspondence as read, second by Selectwoman Puleo,
Vote – Unanimous

III. APPOINTMENTS

A. 6:05 P.M. Continue Tax Classification Hearing

The Selectmen welcomed the Assessor and Assistant and residents that are present. The Board continued the hearing starting with a presentation from Selectman Lemoine showing the legend of the tax rate in Tyngsborough. When the presentation ended there was discussion on the effects of shifting the tax rate. Shifting the rate would adversely affect the businesses in town. The businesses not only pay real estate taxes but also pay a personal property tax. The Board does not want to alienate the businessmen and considered keeping the single tax rate. Another consideration in the rate shift is the increase work load in the Assessors' Office they would need to increase their budget to reflect hiring additional help to process the change.

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It just is not feasible at this time to make any changes. But will continue to discuss and work towards a tax shift. The Chair thanked Rich for the informative presentation and hearing no further discussions entertained a motion from the Board.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to close the hearing, second by Selectwoman Puleo,

Vote – Unanimous

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to keep a single tax rate for fiscal 2006, second by Selectwoman Puleo,

Vote – Unanimous

B. 6:20 P.M. Roller Kingdom/Police Chief

The Selectmen welcomed the principles of Hudson Roller, Inc. to discuss the issues at Roller Kingdom. The Board received correspondence from the Building Commissioner concerning an all night dance. The Commissioner after noticing signage referencing the all night dance notified the principles of Roller Kingdom that such an event could not take place. The principles were told to apply for a modification to their license to change their hours of operation. Shortly after the notification the principles of Roller Kingdom did hold an all night skate without the proper license. The Board received correspondence from the Chief of Police regarding an incident that happened outside of the roller rink. The Board reviewed the correspondence and has invited the principles of Roller Kingdom to attend a meeting to discuss the issues. The principles were not aware of the police incident and will discuss the incident with the Chief of Police. By the same token the principles of Roller Kingdom will certainly file for a one day special license to operate the all night skate. The principles will address the security issues when speaking with the Chief and will work with the town officials to ensure that misunderstanding does not occur. The Board thanked everyone for attending and discussing the issues.

Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to recess for 5 minutes, second by Selectman Booth,

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion does carry.

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Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to return to open session, second by Selectman Booth,

Vote – Unanimous

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION

A. Approve Minutes of October 24, 2005.

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 24, 2005. The Chair hearing no discussion or questions entertained a motion from the Board.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2005 as submitted, second by Selectman Booth,

Vote – Unanimous

B. Appoint Procurement Officer

In the absence of a Procurement Officer the Board, after a brief discussion, voted to appoint the Town Accountant as an interim procurement officer to process the bills associated with the repair of the Multi Service Center Roof.

Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to appoint the Town Accountant as an interim procurement officer for the roof repair at the Multi-Service Center, second by Selectman Booth,

Vote – Unanimous

V. SELECTMEN'S NOTES

Selectman Lemoine congratulated Gene Spickler, Town Collector on his recertification. Selectman Booth commended the Assessor's team for the work in putting together all of the information asked for by the Board. Selectman O'Connor reminded everyone of Veteran's day celebration on Friday the 11th. Selectwoman Schnackertz thanked Rose Mitchell inviting her to the recent ceremony for the Girl Scouts Silver and Leadership Awards. Eight young ladies received the leadership award or silver award based on several hours of community volunteer projects. Hearing no further discussions from the Board the Chair entertained a motion.

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IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract agreement with non-union personnel and to discuss litigation strategy and to return to open session only to adjourn, second by Selectman Booth, Roll Call Vote – Selectman Jay Booth, yes; Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes; Selectman Kevin O'Connor, yes; and Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz, yes. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board exited the Executive Session and returned to open session to adjourn.

Motion by Selectwoman Puleo to adjourn the meeting, second by Selectman O'Connor,
Vote – Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Gay
Admin Assist.